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Carlo EFFENHAUSER et al. ) Before the Examiner  
) Szmál, Brian Scott  
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SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING )  
SMALL AMOUNTS OF BODY FLUID ) August 22, 2005

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005 please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. A request for a three-month extension of time along with the requisite fee have been enclosed with this Response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as other charges or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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